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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY.'S DOCKET: OKAMURA=2B

In re Application of:)
Haruki OKAMURA et al.)
Serial No.: 09/050,249)
Filed: March 30, 1998)
For: IFN-γ PRODUCTION INDUCING)
PROTEIN AND MONOCLONAL)
ANTIBODY...)
Confirmation No. 6601)

) Art Unit: 1646
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Examiner: D. Jiang
Washington, D.C.)
July 11, 2002)

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 11, 2002,
petition and payment for a two month extension of time being
attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 93 with new rewritten claim 93 as
follows below. A marked-up version of amended claim 93 to show
the changes made is attached hereto.

Sub-m1 93 (Twice-amended). A monoclonal antibody which
specifically recognizes (i) an interferon-gamma (IFN-γ) inducing
protein, also known as IGIF and IL-18, having the following
physicochemical properties of (1) to (4) or (ii) a variant thereof
which has substantially the same physicochemical properties of